

WICHITA AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

NOTICE OF MEETING

The Wichita Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (WAMPO) will hold a meet on **Thursday, February 16, 2006**, in the Tenth Floor Conference Room, Wichita City Hall, 455 N. Main, Wichita, Kansas - beginning at **1:00 p.m.**

If you have any questions regarding the meeting or items on this agenda please call the Metropolitan Area Planning Department at 316.268.4391.

AGENDA

1. Call meeting to order – Chairperson, WAMPO.
2. Approve Minutes of the January 19, 2006 meeting.
3. I-235 Corridor presentation.
Presentation by Thomas Dow, Kansas Department of Transportation and the members of the Study Team from TranSystems.
4. Update from Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT).
5. Other items.
6. Adjournment.

John L. Schlegel, Director
Wichita Area Metropolitan Planning Organization
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WICHITA AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

January 19, 2006 Meeting

Attendance

Members Present:

Ronald Marnell, Chairperson
Clark Nelson, Vice-Chairperson
Don Anderson
Jay Banasiak
Elizabeth Bishop
Darrell Downing
Morris Dunlap
Bud Hentzen
Hoyt Hillman
Thomas Jones
John W. McKay Jr.
M.S. Mitchell
James (Jim) A. Singletary
Harold Warner Jr.

Members Absent:

Bob Aldrich
Thomas Dow, *Ex Officio Member*
James P. Ford
Michael Gisick
Bill Johnson
Denise Sherman

Others Attending:

John Schlegel, MAPD/WAMPO
Nancy Harvieux, WAMPO
Bhupendra Patel, WAMPO
Purab Adabala, WAMPO
Daniel Nguyen, WAMPO
Greg Moyer, WAMPO

Marjie Norton, KDOT

1. Call meeting to order – Chairperson, WAMPO.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Marnell, Chairperson of the Wichita Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, held in the Planning Department Conference Room, 10th floor, City Hall, 455 N. Main, Wichita KS.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the December 8, 2005 meeting.

Mr. Marnell asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes, having none, the minutes were approved as presented.

ACTION: Mr. Hentzen moved to approve the December 8, 2005 Minutes. Mr. Downing seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously (10-0). Mr. Dunlap abstained.

3. Amendment to the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Bylaws.

Presentation by Nancy Harvieux, Transportation Planning Manager.

Ms. Harvieux informed the Policy Body that an update to the TAC Bylaws was necessary to reflect the recent change in the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) structure. After consulting with the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) and the Federal Highway

Administration (FHWA), WAMPO Staff did a comparative analysis with other MPOs, reviewed, and revised the TAC Bylaws. The changes to the Bylaws provided new partners and members, in voting or Ex-Officio position, an opportunity to participate in the transportation planning process.

ACTION: Marnell moved to adopt the 2005 Amendment to the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Bylaws. Mr. McKay seconded the motion. Motion carried (12-0).

4. **Public Hearing to amend the 2006 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).**

Presentation by Nancy Harvieux, Transportation Planning Manager.

Ms. Harvieux informed the Policy Body that the Kansas Department of Transportation has advised the WAMPO Staff that the region's STP, CMAQ, and Bridge Program has a positive balance of nearly \$7.0 million at the end of FY 2006. If WAMPO did not program and obligate the FY 2006 funds by September 30, 2006, the region would lose the federal funds. She stated that WAMPO Staff coordinated with all communities within the MPO region to identify ways to program the federal funds. The Technical Advisory Committee met on January 3, 2006 and after a detailed discussion, recommended the WAMPO Policy Body approve the proposed amendment to the 2006 TIP.

Public Hearing.

Mr. Marnell opened the Public Hearing; having no comments from the public, he closed the Public Hearing.

ACTION: Mr. McKay moved to approve the proposed Amendment to the 2006 TIP. Mr. Hillman seconded the motion. Motion carried (14-0).

5. **Update from the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT).**

Ms. Norton representing KDOT stated that she had nothing to add at the time.

6. **Other items.**

The Policy Body discussed who would represent the Policy Body on the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) as stated in the Bylaws. Mr. Nelson nominated Mr. Marnell to represent the Policy Body on the TAC.

ACTION: Mr. Nelson moved to nominate Mr. Marnell as the TAC Policy Body representative. Mr. McKay seconded the motion. Motion carried (14-0).

7. **Adjournment.**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

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Date: February 3, 2006

TO: WAMPO Policy Body

FROM: Nancy Harvieux, AICP
Transportation Planning Manager

RE: I-235 Corridor Presentation

Thomas Dow from the Kansas Department of Transportation and members of the study team from TranSystems will present information regarding a new study initiated by KDOT in partnership with WAMPO, the City of Wichita, and Sedgwick County.

This study has been initiated to take a “fresh look” at two existing interchanges along I-235, US-54/400 (Kellogg Avenue), and Central Avenue. The project will consist of several phases. The first phase, which began in January 2006, is a concept study. Subsequent phases may involve complete environmental documentation, developing detailed engineering plans, and construction. The concept study will use a multi-disciplinary (engineering, planning, and public involvement) approach to look at a broad range of issues and solutions.

The presentation will provide a map of the study area, an overview of the project, traffic data, and a schedule of future public participation opportunities.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

None Required.

Attachment:

1. 235 Kellogg Central – A Fresh Look.

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...A FRESH LOOK

Concept Study

KDOT Project No. 235-87 KA-0161-01

February 2006

STUDY OVERVIEW

A portion of I-235 is getting a fresh examination. The Kansas Department of Transportation, in partnership with the City of Wichita, Sedgwick County, and the Wichita Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, has begun a new study of the I-235 corridor from the

US-54/400 (Kellogg) interchange north to the Central Avenue interchange. The 18-month study will include both interchanges and will identify ways to improve the driving experience along I-235. I-235 was built in 1957 and traffic volumes are growing at more than

3 percent per year. The average daily traffic volume in the study corridor was 35,000 in 1995 and grew to more than 50,000 in 2004.

KDOT has contracted with the engineering firm, TranSystems, to conduct the study.

The study will address high levels of traffic weaving patterns at the Kellogg and Central interchanges and congestion on I-235. It will also look at conditions along Kellogg and Central near I-235. The study will identify alternative improvement concepts, cost estimates, and a phasing plan for short and long-term improvements. Recommendations could include new infrastructure and changes to the existing infrastructure along I-235, Kellogg, and Central. An interchange at I-235 and Maple is not being considered because of its proximity to the I-235/Kellogg interchange and could worsen the existing congestion and traffic weaving patterns.



Funding

KDOT has studied the I-235 corridor before. However, funding shortages prevented the studies from being finished or improvements being built. This time, the \$700,000 study is being funded from \$4.5 million earmarked by Congress in its annual appropriation for 2005. Additional earmarks of \$10 million were included in the new Federal Highway Bill, SAFETEA-LU, passed in August 2005. The total of \$14.5 million is enough to fund the study and build short-term improvements. The funds are not sufficient to undertake long-term major reconstruction such as rebuilding one or both interchanges. However, the study will identify ways to incrementally build improvements as additional funding is identified in the future.

Project Study Area

The Study

The goals of the study include developing cost-effective solutions and plans for the future, while providing opportunities for the public to learn about and participate in the study process. The study will also include examinations of:

- How the I-235 corridor relates to regional land use and economic development
- Traffic conditions and forecasts
- Safety conditions and data
- Environmental conditions
- Previous studies

Project Schedule

| Quarters | 2006 | | | | 2007 | |
|--|-------|-----|-----|---------|------|---------|
| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | 1st | 2nd |
| Existing and Projected Conditions | | | | | | |
| Regional Context | | | | | | |
| Existing Transportation | | | | | | |
| Projected Transportation | | | | | | |
| Design Concepts | | | | | | |
| Operations | | | | | | |
| Layouts | | | | | | |
| Assessment | | | | | | |
| Recommendations | | | | | | |
| Refinements | | | | | | |
| Phasing Plan | | | | | | |
| Report | | | | | | |
| Public Engagement Activities | | | | | | |
| Community Advisory Committee | # 1 | #2 | | # 3 | # 4 | # 5 |
| En Banc | # 1 | | | # 2 | | # 3 |
| WAMPO | # 1 | | | # 2 | | # 3 |
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| Public Meeting | | | # 1 | # 2 | # 3 | |
| Website Updates | # 1 | # 2 | # 3 | # 4 & 5 | # 6 | # 7 & 8 |

Community Involvement

The involvement of local officials and the public will be an important part of the study. Several activities are planned to encourage public participation, including:

- Public "open house" meetings
- A study website
- Participating in periodic En Banc meetings with City and County officials
- Attending meetings with District Advisory Boards 4, 5, and 6
- Establishing a Community Advisory Committee



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